# **Auditing Procedures Report**

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Local Govern	nment Type				Local Governme		County
City	Township	∐۷	/illage	✓Other	Big Creek-	Mentor Utility Authority	Oscoda
Audit Date <b>3/31/05</b>		- 1	Opinion D 11/17/			Date Accountant Report Submitted to State: 2/7/06	

We have audited the financial statements of this local unit of government and rendered an opinion on financial statements prepared in accordance with the Statements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the *Uniform Reporting Format for Financial Statements for Counties and Local Units of Government in Michigan* by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

#### We affirm that:

- 1. We have complied with the Bulletin for the Audits of Local Units of Government in Michigan as revised.
- 2. We are certified public accountants registered to practice in Michigan.

We further affirm the following. "Yes" responses have been disclosed in the financial statements, including the notes, or in the report of comments and recommendations

You must check the applicable box for each item below. 1. Certain component units/funds/agencies of the local unit are excluded from the financial statements. Yes 🗸 No Yes **√** No 2. There are accumulated deficits in one or more of this unit's unreserved fund balances/retained earnings (P.A. 275 of 1980). **√** No 3. There are instances of non-compliance with the Uniform Accounting and Budgeting Act (P.A. 2 of 1968, as Yes amended). 4. The local unit has violated the conditions of either an order issued under the Municipal Finance Act or its Yes **√** No requirements, or an order issued under the Emergency Municipal Loan Act. **√** No 5. The local unit holds deposits/investments which do not comply with statutory requirements. (P.A. 20 of 1943, Yes as amended [MCL 129.91], or P.A. 55 of 1982, as amended [MCL 38.1132]). 6. The local unit has been delinquent in distributing tax revenues that were collected for another taxing unit. Yes ✓ No The local unit has violated the Constitutional requirement (Article 9, Section 24) to fund current year earned Yes No 7. pension benefits (normal costs) in the current year. If the plan is more than 100% funded and the overfunding credits are more than the normal cost requirement, no contributions are due (paid during the year). Yes **V** No 8. The local unit uses credit cards and has not adopted an applicable policy as required by P.A. 266 of 1995 (MCL 129.241). Yes 9. The local unit has not adopted an investment policy as required by P.A. 196 of 1997 (MCL 129.95).

We have enclosed the following:	Enclosed	To Be Forwarded	Not Required
The letter of comments and recommendations.			✓
Reports on individual federal financial assistance programs (program audits).			✓
Single Audit Reports (ASLGU).			✓

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Big Creek - Mentor Utility Authority Oscoda County, Michigan Financial Report With Supplemental Information March 31, 2005

# Big Creek - Mentor Utility Authority

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Utility Authority Board Big Creek - Mentor Utility Authority Mio, MI 48647

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of Big Creek - Mentor Utility as of and for the year ended March 31, 2005, which comprise the Utility Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Big Creek - Mentor Utility Authority's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities of Big Creek - Mentor Utility Authority as of March 31, 2005, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As described in Note 1, the Utility Authority has implemented a new financial reporting model, as required by the provisions of GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - or State and Local Governments*, as of April 1, 2004.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 17, 2005 on our consideration of Big Creek - Mentor Utility Authority's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing to internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis on page 3 through page 7 is not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that comprise Big Creek - Mentor Utility Authority's basic financial statements. The items identified as supplementary information in the table of contents; the combining and individual fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements of Big Creek - Mentor Utility Authority. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Comparative total data for the prior year have been presented in the supplementary financial information in order to provide an understanding of the change in the Authority's financial position and operations.

Robertson & Carpenter LLP Certified Public Accountants Mio, Michigan November 17, 2005

#### **Management's Discussion and Analysis**

As management of Big Creek - Mentor Utility Authority (the "Utility Authority"), we offer readers of the Utility Authority's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Utility Authority for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005.

#### **Financial Highlights**

- The assets of the Utility Authority exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$7,024,281 (net assets). Of this amount, \$449,389 (unrestricted net assets) may be used to meet the Utility Authority's ongoing obligations
- The Utility Authority's total net assets decreased by \$167,054.
- The operating revenues increased by \$102,184, while operating expenses increased by \$17,955.
- Local capital contributions increased \$43,208 which was composed of \$35,000 from the townships of Big Creek and Mentor with balance coming from new users.

#### **Overview of the Financial Statements**

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Utility Authority's basic financial statements. The Utility Authority's basic financial statements consist of three components: 1) Government-wide financial statements, 2) Fund financial statements, and 3) Notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplemental information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

**Government-wide financial statements.** The *Government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Utility Authority's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *statement of net assets* presents information on all of the Utility Authority's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as *net assets*. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Utility Authority is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the Utility Authority's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing of related cash flows*. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

Both of the Government-wide financial statements present functions of the Utility Authority that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The business-type activities of the Utility Authority include providing water and sewer services.

The Government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 8-9 of this report.

**Fund financial statements.** A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Utility Authority, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Utility Authority can be found in one category – proprietary funds.

**Proprietary funds.** Big Creek-Mentor Utility Authority maintains one type of proprietary fund. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the Government-wide financial statements. Big Creek-Mentor Utility Authority uses enterprise funds to account for its Water and Sewer funds.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The proprietary fund financial statements provide separate information on the Water and Sewer funds which are considered to be major funds of Big Creek-Mentor Utility Authority.

The basic proprietary fund financial statements can be found on pages 10-12 of this report.

**Notes to the financial statements.** The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 14-22 of this report.

**Other information.** In addition to the basic financial statements and the accompanying note, this report also presents other supplementary information concerning the proprietary funds comparisons with the prior year. This other information can be found on pages 20-28 of this report.

#### **Government-wide Financial Analysis**

[Because this is the first year of implementation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, which requires this new reporting model, the following tables present only current year data. In future years, when prior-year information is available, comparative analysis of Utility Authority-wide data will be presented.]

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Utility Authority, assets exceeded its liabilities by \$7,024,281 at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

The largest portion of the Utility Authority's net assets (93%) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, land improvements, buildings, and equipment); less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The Utility Authority uses these capital assets to provide water and sewer services to the community; consequently, these assets are *not* available for future spending.

#### **Utility Authority's Net Assets**

	Business-Type <u>Activities</u>
Current and Other Assets	\$ 702,577
Capital Assets, Net	8,523,114
Total Assets	\$ 9,225,691
Current Liabilities	\$ 208,410
Long Term Liabilities	1,993,000
Total Liabilities	\$ 2,201,410
Net Assets:	
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	\$ 6,506,114
Restricted for Debt Service	68,778
Unrestricted	449,389
Total Net Assets	\$ 7,024,281

The Utility Authority's net assets decreased by \$167,054 during the current fiscal year. Unrestricted net assets—the part of net assets that can be used to finance day to day operations, decreased by \$10,933 or 2%, during fiscal year ended March 31, 2005.

#### **Utility Authority's Changes in Net Assets**

	Business-Type <u>Activities</u>
Revenue:	
Program Revenue:	
Charges for services	\$ 331,310
General Revenue:	
Interest Earnings	5,590
Capital Contributions	52,988
Total Revenue	\$ 389,888
Expenses:	
Water and Sewer	\$ 455,542
Interest on long term debt	101,400
Total Expenses	\$ 556,942
(Decrease) in Net Assets	(167,054)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	7,191,335
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ <u>7,024,281</u>

**Business-Type activities.** The Utility Authority's total operating revenues increased by \$102,184 from last fiscal year. This was primarily attributed to additional users, reclassification of penalties and interest on usage fees and an extra month billings due to a new software billing system. Expenses increased by \$17,955 due to recognizing an extra month of contracted services to properly match the extra month of billings.

#### **Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds**

As noted earlier, the Utility Authority uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

**Proprietary funds.** Big Creek-Mentor Utility Authority's proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

Unrestricted net assets of the Water and Sewer funds at the end of the fiscal year amounted to \$449,389. The restricted net assets amounted to \$68,778. Other factors concerning the finances of the proprietary funds have already been addressed in the discussion of Big Creek-Mentor Utility Authority's business-type activities.

#### **Capital Asset and Debt Administration**

**Capital assets.** The Utility Authority's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of March 31, 2005, amounted to \$8,523,114 (net of accumulated depreciation). Investment in capital assets includes land, the water distribution system, the sewer collection system, and equipment. Additions totaled \$2,436 for the fiscal year.

#### **Utility Authority's Capital Assets**

(net of depreciation)

Land – Water Fund	\$ 16,772
Land – Sewer Fund	47,133
Water System	2,163,690
Sewer System	6,293,181
Equipment	2,338
Total	\$ 8,523,114

Additional information on the Utility Authority's capital assets can be found in note 3 on page 17 of this report.

**Long term debt.** Big Creek-Mentor Utility Authority has two outstanding bond issues, both dated June 17, 1997. These issues were used to assist in the construction of the sewer system. The original amount of issue #1 was \$2,000,000 and the original amount of issue #2 was \$135,000. The rate of interest is 5.00% for both issues. Payments for the year ended March 31, 2005 totaled \$123,400 including interest of \$101,400 and principal of \$22,000. The outstanding principal due at March 31, 2005 was \$2,017,000.

#### Factors Bearing on the Utility Authority's Future

The Big Creek-Mentor Utility Authority Board reviews the usage and billing rates on an annual basis and makes adjustments as needed. Additional users are anticipated coming on line with the system in the year ended March 31, 2006.

#### **Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Utility Authority's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to:

Big Creek - Mentor Utility Authority P.O. Box 99 Mio, Michigan 48647



# Big Creek - Mentor Utility Authority Statement of Net Assets Proprietary Funds March 31, 2005

ASSETS		Business-type Activities Enterprise Fund
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	232,558
Accounts receivable - usage fees		46,192
Total Current Assets		278,750
Noncurrent Assets:		
Restricted cash and cash equivalents		68,778
Accounts receivable - hookup fees		355,049
Capital assets		8,523,114
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Total Noncurrent Assets		8,946,941
Total Assets		9,225,691
LIABILITIES  Current Liabilities:  Accounts payable  Due to townships  Current portion of long-term debt	\$	32,331 152,079 24,000
Total Current Liabilities		208,410
Noncurrent Liabilities:		
Long-term debt		1,993,000
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Total Noncurrent Liabilities		1,993,000
Total Liabilities		2,201,410
NET ASSETS		
Invested in capital assets, net of related of	leht	6,506,114
Restricted for debt service		68,778
Unrestricted		449,389
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Total Net Assets	\$	7,024,281
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# Big Creek - Mentor Utility Authority Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Fund Assets Proprietary Funds Year Ended March 31, 2005

		Business-type Activities Enterprise Fund
OPERATING REVENUES	•	070 405
Charges for services	\$	279,195
Penalties and interest charges Miscellaneous		43,172
Total operating revenues		8,943 331,310
Total operating revenues		331,310
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Contracted services		203,408
Insurance		8,590
Maintenance and repairs		50
Wages and payroll taxes		11,087
Professional services		4,641
Printing and publishing		-
Office expenses		3,953
Supplies		554
Licenses and permits		3,725
Utilities		24,586
Depreciation		194,948
Total operating expenses		455,542
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)		(124,232)
NON OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)		
Interest income		5,590
Interest expense - bonds		(101,400)
Net nonoperating revenues (expenses)		(95,810)
NET INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE CONTRIBUTIONS		(220,042)
Capital contributions		52,988
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		(167,054)
NET ASSETS - April 1, 2004		7,191,335
NET ASSETS - March 31, 2005	\$	7,024,281

# Big Creek - Mentor Utility Authority Statement of Net Assets Proprietary Funds March 31, 2005

	Ente	s-type Activities rprise Funds
	Water Fund	Sewer Fund
ASSETS		
Current Assets	Φ 05.00	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 25,82	
Accounts receivable - usage fees	9,38	4 36,808
Total Current Assets	35,21	2 243,538
Noncurrent Assets:		
Restricted cash and cash equivalents		- 68,778
Accounts receivable - hookup fees		- 355,049
Capital assets	2,180,46	•
Total Noncurrent Assets	2,180,46	
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Total assets	2,215,67	7,010,017
LIABILITIES  Current Liabilities  Accounts payable  Due to townships	9,76 14,00	138,079
Current portion of noncurrent liabilities		- 24,000
Total Current Liabilities	23,76	0184,650_
Noncurrent Liabilities		
Bonds payable		- 1,993,000
Total Noncurrent Liabilities		1,993,000
Total Liabilities	23,76	2,177,650
NET ASSETS		
Invested in capital assets - net of related debt	2,180,46	2 4,325,652
Restricted for debt service	2,100,10	- 68,778
Unrestricted	11,45	•
Total Net Assets	\$ <u>2,191,91</u>	4 \$ 4,832,367

# Big Creek - Mentor Utility Authority Statement of Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets Proprietary Funds March 31, 2005

	_	Business-type Activities Enterprise Funds		
	_	Water Fund	-	Sewer Fund
Operating Revenues Water sales Sewage disposal services Penalties and interest charges Installation and other miscellaneous charges	\$	61,682 - 2,965 -	\$	217,513 40,207 8,943
Total Operating Revenues	_	64,647	_	266,663
Operating Expenses  Contracted services Insurance Maintenance and repairs Wages and payroll taxes Professional services Office expenses Supplies Licenses and permits Utilities Depreciation Total Operating Expenses	_	62,560 - - - - - 2,657 49,710 114,927		140,848 8,590 50 11,087 4,641 3,953 554 3,725 21,929 145,238 340,615
Operating Income (Loss)	_	(50,280)	-	(73,952)
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses) Interest and investment revenue Interest expense Total Nonoperating Revenue (Expenses)	<u>-</u>	139 - 139	-	5,451 (101,400) (95,949)
Income (Loss) Before Contributions		(50,141)		(169,901)
Capital contributions	_		-	52,988
Change in Net Assets		(50,141)		(116,913)
Total Net Assets - Beginning	_	2,242,055	-	4,949,280
Total Net Assets Ending	\$_	2,191,914	\$	4,832,367

# Big Creek - Mentor Utility Authority Statement of Cash Flows Proprietary Funds Year Ended March 31, 2005

Business-type

		Activities Enterprise
		Fund
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:  Cash received from customers  Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services  Cash payments to employees for services	\$	324,208 (237,092) (10,328)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	_	76,788
CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES		-
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Acquisition and construction of capital assets Contributed capital - State grant		(2,436)
Contributed capital - Local Principal paid on bonds Interest paid on bonds	_	52,988 (22,000) (101,400)
Net cash provided by capital and related financing activities		(72,848)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: Interest income		5,590
NET increase (decrease) in cash		9,530
CASH - April 1, 2004	_	291,806
CASH - March 31, 2005	\$ _	301,336
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES  Operating income (loss)  Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:	\$	(124,232)
Depreciating activities.  Depreciation (Increase) decrease in accounts receivable Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	_	194,948 (7,103) 13,175
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	\$ _	76,788

#### Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of Big Creek - Mentor Utility Authority ("the Utility Authority") conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the more significant policies used by the Utility Authority:

#### **Reporting Entity**

The Utility Authority operates under an appointed Utility Authority Board composed of the Supervisors from Big Creek and Mentor Townships, one person appointed by the Big Creek Township Board, one person appointed by the Mentor Township Board, and one person appointed by majority vote of the four members of the Utility Authority Board. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with criteria established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) for determining the various governmental organizations to be included in the reporting entity. These criteria include significant operational financial relationships that determine which of the governmental organizations are a part of the Utility Authority's reporting entity, and which organizations are legally separate, component units of the Utility Authority. Based on the application criteria, the Utility Authority does not contain any component units.

#### **Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets) report information as a whole on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the Utility Authority. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services. All the Utility Authority's government-wide activities are considered business-type activities.

The accounts of the Utility Authority are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, net assets, revenues, and expenses.

Separate financial statements are provided for the major proprietary funds. Major individual proprietary funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

#### Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

Measurement focus refers to what is being measured; basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in accounts and reported in financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurement made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as is the proprietary fund financial statements. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

#### Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation (continued)

The Utility Authority reports the following major proprietary funds:

The Water Fund accounts for the activities of the water distribution system.

The Sewer Fund accounts for the activities of the sewage collection system.

Private-sector standards of accounting issued prior to December 1, 1989 are generally followed in both the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with standards of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The Utility Authority has elected to follow private-sector standards issued after November 30, 1989 for its business-type activities.

Amounts reported as program revenue include: (1) charges to customers or applicants for goods and services or privileges provided; (2) operating grants and contributions; (3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments (if any).

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenue and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenue and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal revenue of our proprietary funds relate to charges to customers for sales and services. The water and sewer funds also recognize the portion of hook-up fees intended to recover the cost of infrastructure is recognized as nonoperating revenue. Operating expenses for proprietary funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenue and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenue and expenses.

#### Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets

#### **Bank Deposits and Investments**

Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short term investments (certificates of deposit) with a maturity of 12 months or less.

#### **Restricted Assets**

The terms of the Sewage Disposal System Revenue Bonds recorded in the Sewer enterprise fund, require amounts to be set aside in a Bond Reserve Account. This amount has been classified as a restricted asset.

#### **Capital Assets**

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, infrastructure are reported in the business-type activities column of the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Utility Authority as assets with an initial individual cost of more than \$250 and an estimated useful life in excess of two years. Such assets are recorded at historical cost. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

#### Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets (continued)

#### Capital Assets (continued)

Property, plant, equipment and infrastructure are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Water System 50 years
Sewer System 50 years
Equipment 5-10 years

#### **Long-Term Obligations**

In the government-wide financial statements and the proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long term obligations (if any) are reported as liabilities in the business-type activities and the proprietary fund statement of net assets.

#### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual amounts could vary from those estimates.

#### **Accounting Change**

Effective April 1, 2004, the Utility Authority implemented the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements - and Management Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments (GASB No. 34). Changes to the Utility Authority's financial statements as a result of GASB No. 34 are as follows:

A Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD & A) section providing analysis of the Utility Authority's overall financial position and results of operations has been included.

Government-wide financial statements (statement of net assets and statement of activities) prepared using full accrual accounting for all of the Utility Authority's activities have been provided.

The fund financial statements focus on major funds rather than fund types.

#### Note 2 - Deposits and Investments

Deposits are carried at cost. Deposits are in one financial institution in the name of the Big Creek - Mentor Utility Authority Treasurer. Michigan Compiled Laws, Section 129.91, as amended, authorizes the Utility Authority to deposit and invest in the accounts of a state or nationally chartered bank, a state or federally chartered savings and loan association, a savings bank, or a credit union whose deposits are insured by an agency of the U.S. government and which maintains a principal office or branch office in this state under the law of this state of the United States; bonds, securities, and other obligations of the United States, or an agency or instrumentality of the United States in which the principal and interest is fully guaranteed by the United States, including securities issued or guaranteed by the Government National Mortgage Association; United States government or Federal agency obligation repurchase agreements; bankers' acceptance of United States banks; mutual funds composed of investment vehicles which are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan; and commercial paper rated by two standard rating agencies within the three highest classifications, which mature not more than 270 days after the date of purchase, and which involve no more than 50 percent of any one fund.

The Utility Authority's investments are in accordance with statutory authority.

At year-end, the Utility Authority's deposits were reported in the basic financial statements in the following categories:

	В	usiness-type
		Activities
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	232,558
Restricted Assets		68,778
Total	\$ _	301,336
The breakdown of deposits is as follows:  Petty cash  Penk deposits (checking and sovings accounts)	\$	50
Bank deposits (checking and savings accounts, and certificates of deposit) Total	\$ <u></u>	301,286 301,336

The bank balance of the Utility Authority's deposits is \$301,340, of which \$200,000 is covered by federal depository insurance.

Investments are classified into three categories of credit risk as follows:

Category 1: Insured or collateralized with securities held by the Utility Authority or its agent in the Utility Authority's name

Category 2: Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the Utility Authority's name.

Category 3: Uncollateralized (includes any bank balance that is collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or by its trust department or agent, but <u>not</u> in the Utility Authority's name).

The Utility Authority did not have any investments to be classified as to risk at year end.

#### Note 3 - Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year was as follows:

Business-type activities: Capital assets not being depreciated:	-	April 1, 2004	_	Additions	_	Deletions	_	March 31, 2005
Water Fund:								
Land	\$	16,772	\$	-	\$	-	\$	16,772
Sewer Fund								
Land	-	47,133	_		_		_	47,133
Subtotal	_	63,905	_		_		_	63,905
Capital assets being depreciated: Water Fund:								
Water system Sewer Fund:		2,485,537		-		-		2,485,537
Sewer system		7,230,255		-		-		7,230,255
Equipment	_	3,521	_	2,436	_		_	5,957
Subtotal	_	9,719,313	_	2,436	_		_	9,721,749
Less: Accumulated depreciation Water Fund:								
Water system		272,137		49,710		-		321,847
Sewer Fund:								
Sewer system		792,469		144,605		-		937,074
Equipment	_	2,986	_	633	_		_	3,619
Subtotal	_	1,067,592	_	194,948	_		_	1,262,540
Net capital assets being depreciated	-	8,651,721	_	(192,512)	_		-	8,459,209
Business-type activities total assets Net of depreciation	\$	8,715,626	\$ <u>_</u>	(192,512)	\$ <u>_</u>		\$_	8,523,114

Depreciation expense was charged in the financial statements as follows:

Business-type Activities	
Water	\$ 49,710
Sewer	 145,238
	\$ 194,948

#### Note 4 - Due to Townships

The amount due to Townships, \$152,079 at March 31, 2005 is composed of \$91,585 due to Big Creek Township and \$60,494 due to Mentor Township. The Townships have advanced this money to the utility authority, interest free, to be paid back once the water and sewer systems become self supporting.

#### Note 5 - Risk Management

Big Creek - Mentor Utility Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by insurance purchased from independent insurance companies. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage for the last 3 fiscal years.

#### Note 6 - Long Term Debt

The Utility Authority's outstanding debt at March 31, 2005 is composed of two issues of sewage disposal revenue bonds. Both series are payable, both as to principal and interest, solely from the net revenues of the sewer system.

	Balance April 1, 2004	Additions (Reductions)	Balance March 31, 2005		Due Within One Year
Bond No. 1 - Issue date 6/17/97 Original amount - \$2,000,000 Interest at the rate of 5.000% due semi-annually commencing 11/1/97. Principal due annually in amounts ranging from \$18,000 to \$116,000 commencing 5/1/99. Final payment due 5/1/37.	\$ 1,910,000	(21,000)	\$ 1,889,000	\$	22,000
Bond No. 2 - issue date 6/17/97 Original amount - \$135,000 Interest at the rate of 5.000% due semi-annually commencing 11/1/97. Principal due annually in amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$13,000 commencing 5/1/99. Final payment due 5/1/37.	129,000	(1,000)	128,000	_	2,000
Totals	\$ 2,039,000	\$ (22,000)	\$ 2,017,000	\$	24,000

Future payments due are as follows:

Year ended March 31,	Principal	Interest		Total
2006	\$ 24,000	\$ 100,250	\$	124,250
2007	25,000	99,025		124,025
2008	27,000	97,725		124,725
2009	28,000	96,350		124,350
2010	30,000	94,900		124,900
2011-2015	173,000	450,075		623,075
2016-2020	221,000	397,125		618,125
2021-2025	285,000	338,075		623,075
2026-2030	370,000	256,600		626,600
2031-2035	477,000	151,225		628,225
2036-2038	 357,000	 27,675	_	384,675
	\$ 2,017,000	\$ 2,109,025	\$	4,126,025

#### Note 7 - Required Deposits

Big Creek - Mentor Utility Authority, under terms of the Sewage Disposal System Revenue Bonds, is required to establish certain reserve accounts. The Bond Reserve Account was effective May 1, 1999 and is to be funded with an annual deposit of \$12,690, until there is \$126,900 accumulated in the account. The Bond Redemption Reserve is to be funded by a monthly deposit. The monthly deposit is equal to 1/6 of the interest payment next coming due and 1/12 of the principal payment next coming due.

The Authority is using Certificates of Deposit to fund the Bond Redemption Reserve. An annual deposit is made when the a Certificate of Deposit is purchased. The Authority made the required deposit for the year ended March 31, 2005.

The Bond Reserve Account was established on February 7, 2001 with a deposit of \$12,690. The required balance as of March 31, 2005 is \$76,140. The actual balance is the Bond Reserve Account is \$68,778.



### Big Creek - Mentor Utility Authority Combining Balance Sheet All Proprietary Fund Types March 31, 2005

With Comparative Totals for March 31, 2004

ASSETS	_	Water Fund	_	Sewer Fund		2005 Total	_	2004 Total
Current Assets:								
Petty cash Cash - checking Cash - certificates of deposit Cash - bond reserve	\$	- 25,828 - -	\$	50 88,617 118,063 68,778	\$	50 114,445 118,063 68,778	\$	50 61,283 190,749 39,724
Accounts receivable - usage fees Accounts receivable - hookup fees		9,384 -		36,808 355,049		46,192 355,049		17,275 376,864
Fixed assets:								
Land Sewer system Equipment		16,772		47,133 7,230,255 5,957		63,905 7,230,255 5,957		63,905 7,230,255 3,521
Water system Accumulated depreciation	_	2,485,537 (321,847)	_	(940,693)		2,485,537 (1,262,540)		2,485,537 (1,067,592)
Total assets	\$_	2,215,674	\$_	7,010,017	\$_	9,225,691	\$_	9,401,571
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY  LIABILITIES  Current Liabilities:  Accounts payable  Due to townships  Bonds payable	\$	9,760 14,000 -	\$	22,571 138,079 2,017,000	\$	32,331 152,079 2,017,000	\$	19,155 152,079 2,039,000
Total liabilities	_	23,760	_	2,177,650	_	2,201,410	_	2,210,234
FUND EQUITY Contributed capital - Federal Contributed capital - State Contributed capital - Local	_	2,172,100 31,449	_	4,539,712 - 1,227,780	_	4,539,712 2,172,100 1,259,229	_	4,644,002 2,221,618 1,206,242
Total contributed capital		2,203,549		5,767,492		7,971,041		8,071,862
Retained earnings	_	(11,635)	_	(935,125)		(946,760)		(880,525)
Total fund equity	_	2,191,914	_	4,832,367		7,024,281	_	7,191,337
Total liabilities and fund equity	\$ <u>_</u>	2,215,674	\$ <u>_</u>	7,010,017	\$_	9,225,691	\$_	9,401,571

# Big Creek - Mentor Utility Authority

# Combining Statement of revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Equity

# All Proprietary Fund Types Year Ended March 31, 2005

With Comparative Totals for March 31, 2004

		Water Fund		Sewer Fund		2005 Total		2004 Total
OPERATING REVENUES Charges for services Penalties and interest charges Miscellaneous	\$	61,682 2,965	\$	217,513 40,207 8,943	\$	279,195 43,172 8,943	\$ 	229,126 - -
Total operating revenues	_	64,647	_	266,663		331,310	_	229,126
OPERATING EXPENSES Contracted services Insurance Maintenance and repairs Wages and payroll taxes Professional services Printing and publishing		62,560 - - - - -		140,848 8,590 50 11,087 4,641		203,408 8,590 50 11,087 4,641		182,565 7,691 6,183 8,909 6,827 267
Office expenses		-		3,953 554		3,953		2,715
Supplies Licenses and permits Utilities Depreciation Total operating expenses	_	2,657 49,710 114,927	_	3,725 21,929 145,238 340,615		554 3,725 24,586 194,948 455,542	_	27,416 195,014 437,587
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	_	(50,280)	_	(73,952)		(124,232)	_	(208,461)
NON OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES) Interest income Interest expense - bonds Net nonoperating revenues (expenses)	_	139	_	5,451 (101,400) (95,949)		5,590 (101,400) (95,810)	_	25,553 (102,500) (76,947)
NET INCOME (LOSS)		(50,141)		(169,901)		(220,042)		(285,408)
AMORTIZATION OF CONTRIBUTED CAPITAL - GRANTS		49,517		104,290		153,807		153,807
FUND EQUITY - Retained earnings - April 1		(11,011)		(869,514)		(880,525)		(748,924)
FUND EQUITY - Retained earnings - March 31	\$ <u></u>	(11,635)	\$ <u></u>	(935,125)	\$ <u></u>	(946,760)	\$	(880,525)
FUND EQUITY - Contributed capital - April 1  Contributions - Capital grants - State Amortization - Capital grants Contributions - Local	\$	2,253,067 - (49,517)	\$	5,818,795 - (104,290) 52,988	\$	8,071,862 - (153,807) 52,988	\$	8,215,889 - (153,807)
	_	<u>-</u>	_	52,900		52,800	_	9,780
FUND EQUITY - Contributed capital - March 31	\$_	2,203,550	\$_	5,767,493	\$_	7,971,043	\$_	8,071,862

### Big Creek - Mentor Utility Authority Combining Statement of Cash Flows All Proprietary Fund Types Year Ended March 31, 2005 With Comparative Totals for March 31, 2004

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		Water Fund	_	Sewer Fund	<del>-</del>	2005 Total	_	2004 Total
Cash received from customers Cash payments to suppliers for goods	\$	58,296	\$	265,912	\$	324,208 (237,092)	\$	276,761 (231,240)
and services  Cash payments to employees for services		(60,228)	_	(176,864) (10,328)	-	(10,328)	_	(8,143)
	_	(1,932)	_	78,720	-	76,788	_	37,378
CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES		-		-		-		-
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Acquisition and construction of								
capital assets		-		(2,436)		(2,436)		(615)
Contributed capital - State grant Contributed capital - Local		-		52,988		- 52,988		- 9,780
Principal paid on bonds		-		(22,000)		(22,000)		(22,000)
Interest paid on bonds	_		_	(101,400)	_	(101,400)	_	(102,500)
Net cash provided by capital and related financing activities		-		(72,848)		(72,848)		(115,335)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: Interest income		139		5,451	<u>-</u>	5,590	_	25,553
NET increase (decrease) in cash		(1,793)		11,323		9,530		(52,404)
CASH - April 1		27,621	_	264,185	-	291,806	_	344,210
CASH - March 31	\$_	25,828	\$_	275,508	\$_	301,336	\$_	291,806
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LO	OSS)	TO NET						
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING Operating income (loss) Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:	ACT	(50,280)	\$	(73,952)	\$	(124,232)	\$	(208,461)
Depreciation (Increase) decrease in accounts receivable Increase (decrease) in accounts payable		49,710 (6,352) 4,990	<b></b>	145,238 (751) 8,185	_	194,948 (7,103) 13,175	<u>-</u> -	195,014 47,634 3,191
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	\$_	(1,932)	\$_	78,720	\$	76,788	\$_	37,378

# Big Creek - Mentor Utility Authority Comparative Balance Sheet Water Fund March 31, 2005 and 2004

	_	March 31, 2005		March 31, 2004
ASSETS Cash - checking Accounts receivable - usage fees Fixed assets:	\$	25,828 9,384	\$	27,621 3,033
Land Water system Accumulated depreciation	_	16,772 2,485,537 (321,847)	_	16,772 2,485,537 (272,137)
Total assets	\$ <u></u>	2,215,674	\$_	2,260,826
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY				
LIABILITIES Accounts payable Due to townships	\$ 	9,760 14,000	\$ 	4,770 14,000
Total liabilities	_	23,760	_	18,770
FUND EQUITY Contributed capital - State Contributed capital - Local	_	2,172,100 31,449		2,221,618 31,449
Total contributed capital	_	2,203,549	_	2,253,067
Retained earnings	_	(11,635)	_	(11,011)
Total fund equity		2,191,914	_	2,242,056
Total liabilities and fund equity	\$	2,215,674	\$	2,260,826

# Big Creek - Mentor Utility Authority Comparative Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Equity Water Fund Years Ended March 31, 2005 and 2004

		March 31, 2005		March 31, 2004
OPERATING REVENUES Charges for services Penalties and interest charges Miscellaneous	\$ 	61,682 2,965	\$ _	57,963 1,591
Total operating revenues		64,647	_	59,554
OPERATING EXPENSES Contracted services Maintenance and repairs Office expenses Utilities Depreciation	_	62,560 - - 2,657 49,710	_	60,921 6,183 - 3,016 49,705
Total operating expenses		114,927		119,825
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)		(50,280)		(60,271)
NON OPERATING REVENUE Interest income		139	_	19_
NET INCOME (LOSS)		(50,141)		(60,252)
AMORTIZATION OF CONTRIBUTED CAPITAL - GRANTS		49,517		49,517
FUND EQUITY - Retained earnings - April 1	_	(11,011)	_	(276)
FUND EQUITY - Retained earnings - March 31	\$	(11,635)	\$ _	(11,011)
FUND EQUITY - Contributed capital - April 1	\$	2,253,067	\$	2,299,704
Amortization - Capital grants - State Contributions - Local		(49,517)	_	(49,517) 2,880
FUND EQUITY - Contributed capital - March 31	\$	2,203,550	\$ _	2,253,067

# Big Creek - Mentor Utility Authority Comparative Statement of Cash Flows Water Fund Years Ended March 31, 2005 and 2004

		March 31, 2005		March 31, 2004
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: Cash received from customers Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services Cash payments to employees for services	\$	58,296 (60,228)	\$	60,934 (70,014)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities		(1,932)	_	(9,080)
CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES		-		-
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Acquisition and construction of capital assets Contributed capital - State grant Contributed capital - Local		- - -		(615) - 2,880
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities		-		2,265
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: Interest income		139_	_	1,610
Net increase (decrease) in cash		(1,793)		(5,205)
CASH - April 1		27,621	_	32,826
CASH - March 31	\$	25,828	\$_	27,621
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVE Operating income (loss)  Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:  Depreciation  (Increase) decrease in accounts receivable Increase (decrease) in accounts payable		(50,280) 49,710 (6,352) 4,990	\$	(61,862) 49,705 2,970 107
Net cash provided (used by) operating activities	\$ <u></u>	(1,932)	\$ _	(9,080)

# Big Creek - Mentor Utility Authority Comparative Balance Sheet Sewer Fund March 31, 2005 and 2004

		March 31, 2005	March 31, 2004
ASSETS			
Petty cash	\$	50	\$ 50
Cash - checking		88,617	33,662
Cash - certificates of deposit		118,063	190,749
Cash - bond reserve		68,778	39,724
Accounts receivable - usage fees		36,808	14,242
Accounts receivable - hookup fees Fixed assets:		355,049	376,864
Land		47,133	47,133
Sewer system		7,230,255	7,230,255
Equipment		5,957	3,521
Accumulated depreciation		(940,693)	 (795,455)
Total assets	\$ _	7,010,017	\$ 7,140,745
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY			
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$	22,571	\$ 14,385
Due to townships		138,079	138,079
Bonds payable		2,017,000	 2,039,000
Total liabilities	_	2,177,650	 2,191,464
FUND EQUITY			
Contributed capital - Federal		4,539,712	4,644,002
Contributed capital - Local		1,227,780	1,174,793
Total contributed capital	_	5,767,492	 5,818,795
Total contributed capital		5,707,432	3,010,793
Retained earnings	_	(935,125)	 (869,514)
Total fund equity	_	4,832,367	 4,949,281
Total liabilities and fund equity	\$ <u></u>	7,010,017	\$ 7,140,745

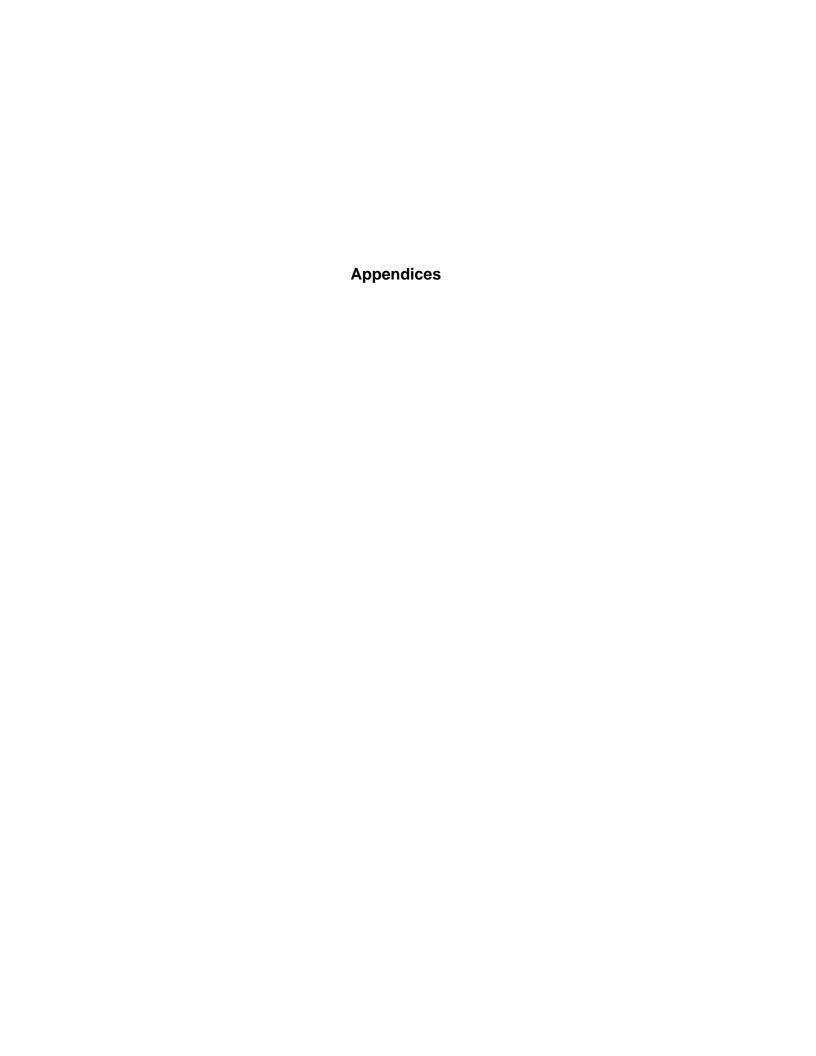
# Big Creek - Mentor Utility Authority Comparative Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Equity Sewer Fund

# Years Ended March 31, 2005 and 2004

	_	March 31, 2005		March 31, 2004
OPERATING REVENUES Charges for services Penalties and interest charges Miscellaneous	\$	217,513 40,207 8,943	\$	171,163 19,050
Total Operating revenues	_	266,663	_	190,213
OPERATING EXPENSES Contracted services Insurance Maintenance and repairs Wages and payroll taxes Professional services Printing and publishing Office expenses Supplies Licenses and permits Utilities Depreciation	_	140,848 8,590 50 11,087 4,641 - 3,953 554 3,725 21,929 145,238	_	122,378 7,691 - 8,909 6,093 267 2,715 - - 24,400 145,309
Total operating expenses	_	340,615	_	317,762
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)		(73,952)		(127,549)
NON OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES) Interest income Interest expense - bonds  Net nonoperating revenues (expenses)	_	5,451 (101,400) (95,949)	_	4,893 (102,500) (97,607)
NET INCOME (LOSS)	_	(169,901)		(225,156)
AMORTIZATION OF CONTRIBUTED CAPITAL - GRANTS		104,290		104,290
FUND EQUITY - Retained earnings - April 1		(869,514)		(748,648)
FUND EQUITY - Retained earnings - March 31	\$	(935,125)	\$	(869,514)
	=		=	
FUND EQUITY - Contributed capital - April 1	\$	5,818,795	\$	5,916,185
Amortization - Capital grants - Federal Contributions - Local	_	(104,290) 52,988	_	(104,290) 6,900
FUND EQUITY - Contributed capital - March 31	\$ _	5,767,493	\$ _	5,818,795

# Big Creek - Mentor Utility Authority Comparative Statement of Cash Flows Sewer Fund Years Ended March 31, 2005 and 2004

		March 31, 2005	_	March 31, 2004
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: Cash received from customers Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services Cash payments to employees for services	\$	265,912 (176,864) (10,328)	\$	215,827 (161,226) (8,143)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	_	78,720	_	46,458
CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES		-		-
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Acquisition and construction of capital assets Contributed capital - Local Principal paid on bonds Interest paid on bonds	_	(2,436) 52,988 (22,000) (101,400)	_	6,900 (22,000) (102,500)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities		(72,848)		(117,600)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: Interest income	_	5,451	_	23,943
NET increase (decrease) in cash		11,323		(47,199)
CASH - April 1	_	264,185	_	311,384
CASH - March 31	\$ <u>_</u>	275,508	\$ =	264,185
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES Operating income (loss) Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:	\$	(73,952)	\$	(146,599)
Depreciation (Increase) decrease in accounts receivable Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	_	145,238 (751) 8,185		145,309 44,664 3,084
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	\$ _	78,720	\$ _	46,458





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REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Utility Authority Board Big Creek - Mentor Utility Authority Mio, Michigan 48647

We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities of Big Creek - Mentor Utility Authority as of and for the year ended March 31, 2005, which comprise Big Creek - Mentor Utility Authority's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 17, 2005. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Big Creek - Mentor Utility Authority's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

#### **Compliance And Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Big Creek - Mentor Utility Authority's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended for the information and use of the Utility Authority Board, management and federal awarding agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Robertson & Carpenter LLP Certified Public Accountants Mio, Michigan November 17, 2005